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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

JIM IRVIN
Commissioner - Chairman
RENZ D. JENNINGS
Commissioner
CARL J. KUNASEK
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE,)
INC. OF SYSTEM BENEFITS CHARGES AND)
UNBUNDLED SERVICE TARIFFS PURSUANT)
TO A.A.C. R14-2-1606)

DOCKET NO. E-01773A-97-0742

DECISION NO. 60574

ORDER Arizona Corporation Commission

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Open Meeting
January 13 and 14, 1998
Phoenix, Arizona

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (AEPCO or Coop) is certified to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

2. On December 22, 1997, AEPCO filed its unbundled service tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606(C). In this filing, the Coop has priced electric service elements such as transmission and distribution separately. AEPCO also submitted information concerning systems benefits charges.

3. Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission adopted rules governing the parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services; and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation.

4. Pursuant to R14-2-1608, each incumbent utility must file non-bypassable rates or related mechanisms to recover the applicable pro-rata costs of system benefits from all consumers located in its service area who participate in the competitive market.

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5. Due to the size and magnitude of the filing, Staff is recommending the Commission suspend the filing for a period of one hundred and twenty days.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. AEPCO is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over AEPCO and over the subject matter of the application.

3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the Commission tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated January 5, 1998, concludes that it is in the public interest to suspend the filing for a period of one hundred twenty days.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the filing be and hereby is suspended until and including May 29, 1998.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.


BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION


COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER


COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 14th day of January 1998.


JACK ROSE
Executive Secretary

DISSENT _____

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